

3. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second passageway is substantially conical in shape.

4. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second passageway includes an inlet and an outlet, wherein said second passageway is tapered from said inlet to said outlet.

6. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said second passageway has a radius of curvature at said outlet so as to provide gas to the outlet nozzle in a substantially horizontal direction.

7. (Twice Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said stepped portion of said second passageway comprises a ledge whose width tapers up to maximum of 10% of the radius of said second passageway at the level of the stepped portion.

11. (Twice Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 10 any preceding claim, further comprising a trigger means;

whereby said trigger means is adapted to operate both of said control valve and said gas valve.

15. (Twice Amended) An apparatus according to either Claim 13, wherein said piston valve produces an annular air jet in said second passageway.

16. (Twice Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising an air control valve stem which is connected to said piston valve and operated by said trigger means.

17. (Twice Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 13, supplied with a liquid by said gravity liquid reservoir.

18. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the liquid control needle valve is controlled by said trigger means via an axially-sliding sleeve or slipper member situated on a rearward portion of said housing.